

By: Bonnen of Brazoria

H.B. No. 1421

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fees charged by the Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 8831.151, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8831.151. DISTRICT REVENUE AND FEES. To accomplish the regulatory goals of the district, to pay the district's maintenance and operating costs, and to pay any bonds issued by the district, the district may:

(1) impose an ad valorem tax at a rate not to exceed 2.5 cents for each \$100 of taxable value of property in the district, subject to voter approval;

(2) assess production fees as authorized by Section 36.205, Water Code [~~for services or for water withdrawn from wells~~]; [~~or~~]

(3) solicit and accept grants from any public or private source; and

(4) assess:

(A) an export fee on groundwater exported from the district in an amount not to exceed 150 percent of the maximum wholesale water rate charged by the City of Houston; and

(B) other fees authorized by Chapter 36, Water Code.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.